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SUBJECT: UN DECADE FOR WOMEN--1980 WORLD CONFERENCE

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM THE SYG A NOTE STATING THAT THE "SECRETARY-GENERAL BELIEVES THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF A LIAISON OFFICER OR NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DECADE FOR WOMEN AND THE FORTHCOMING WORLD CONFERENCE FOR THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN FACILITATING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND THE COORDINATION AS FAR AS POSSIBLE OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBER STATES OF THE UN. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN." THE NOTE ASKS FOR THE NAME OF THE LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTED TO BE SENT TO UNHQ/NY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. COMMENT. WE FIND IT MOST UNUSUAL THAT THE SECRETARIAT IS SEEKING A POINT OF CONTACT OTHER THAN THE MISSIONS FOR MAINTAINING RELATIONS WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. OTHER MISSIONS IN NY HAVE HAD SIMILAR REACTIONS. WE SUGGEST
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THAT OUR REPLY MAKE CLEAR THAT THE MISSION, WHICH IN TURN COMMUNICATES DIRECTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BE THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE SECRETARIAT. IF THERE WILL BE A NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT OR KEY ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE COMMUNITIES, WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD DEAL WITH THAT NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

THROUGH THE MISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT.

3. COPY OF NOTE (UN LETTER NO. UN-3732/67) HAS BEEN DATA-
FAXED TO IO/IWP, GOOD. MCHENRY

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